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West Valley City Police detectives are investigating two incidents which occurred overnight. There has been speculation that the two incidents are connected, however, there has been **no credible connection established**.

At approximately 3:45am on May 23, 2017, officers responded to an assault in the parking lot at 4643 South 4000 West. Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim and the suspects exchanged looks and words, which then prompted a physical altercation. The suspects damaged the victim's vehicle to gain access to the victim and assaulted the victim while he remained inside his car. The suspects began to flee the scene and in an attempt to stop them from doing so, the victim used his own vehicle to ram the suspect vehicle and disable it. The suspects fled on foot, but were tracked by officers and taken into custody. Three male suspects, ages 14, 15 and 17 have been booked into juvenile detention on aggravated assault charges. Another female juvenile was questioned and released.

At approximately 3:45am on May 23, 2017, officers responded to a call of shots fired in the area of 4300 South 6000 West. A suspect had fired multiple shots toward a home. No one was hurt, however, property damage to the home was evident. Officers were able to locate a person and vehicle matching the description of the suspect that had been provided. Officers arrested Hansley Tuitea (8-24-81) and recovered a shotgun which is the suspected weapon in the shots fired incident. Tuitea was booked into jail on multiple felony charges of discharging of firearm. The preliminary investigation indicates that the suspect in this case is acquainted with a resident of the home.

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